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Applicant: Oravecz, et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,602

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For: Acoustic Micro Imaging Method and  
Apparatus for Capturing 4D Acoustic  
Reflection Virtual Samples

Attorney

Docket No: 7888/83717

Group No.: 2856

Examiner: Rose M. Miller

Confirmation No. 5678

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated June 11, 2003 imposing a restriction requirement on the above-captioned application, with a shortened statutory period set to expire one-month from the mailing date of the Communication.

The Examiner has restricted the application to either (I) claims 40-61; or (II) Claims 1-39.

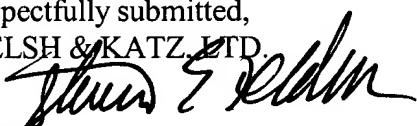
Applicant elects to proceed with II, claims 1-39, at this time and without prejudice.

Additionally, the Applicant notes that the Attorney Docket Number listed in the Office Communication [7888/83721] is incorrect. Please change the Attorney Docket Number to 7888/83717.

Applicant also hereby requests a 1-month extension of time to respond to this Office

Communication. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00, which is the extension fee under 1.17(a)(1). Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment associated with this paper, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Further, should any additional petition be necessary, Applicant requests that the currently filed paper constitute any such necessary petition and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated with any such additional petition to the Deposit Account identified herein. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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